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STATEMENT BY SPOKESMAN FOR AFS

In response to queries on Sat. Eve. Post story:

The story is inaccurate and untrue.

It rests on the allegation that Ambassador Stevenson "wanted to trade the

Turkish, Italian and British missile bases for the Cuban bases"

The record will show this is unfounded.

The story further charges that Ambassador Stevenson dissented from the

"consensus: of the President's Executive Committee, and preferred "political negotiations: to the policy of the quarantine

This is also untrue. He was for the quarantine and also, for using the peacekeeping machinery of the UN, which was the policy adopted by the President.